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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 579X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Parke County and Vermillion County, Indiana

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is intended to serve as CSX Transportation, Inc.'s ("CSXT") request for an extension of the consummation date in the above-captioned abandonment proceeding. In accordance with the Board's decision dated May 29, 2001, CSXT must consummate this abandonment by November 12, 2002. CSXT hereby requests an extension of that date until January 13, 2003. As you may recall, the Indiana Trails Fund filed a request for a notice of interim trail use. The Board held such matter in abeyance pending resolution of the OFA filed by the Parke County Redevelopment Commission. Since the OFA proceeding has now reached a conclusion, CSXT requests additional time to consummate so that it can contact the Indiana Trails Fund to inquire as to whether there is still an interest in possibility of rail-banking the relevant line.

As a result, CSXT requests an extension of the consummation date in the above-captioned proceeding. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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